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SUBJ: CUSTOMS AND TAX LIABILITIES FOR FOREIGN SERVICE
PERSONNEL

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPARISON OF CUSTOMS AND DUTY FREE
PRIVILEGES ACCORDED FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH DIPLO-
MATIC STATUS AND THOSE WITHOUT SUCH STATUS.

A. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS - NON-DIPS (NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL)
MAY ONLY BRING IN ONE SHIPMENT DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS
AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTY. DIP (PERSONNEL
WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS), CAN IMPORT AS MANY SHIPMENTS AS
DESIRED DURING ENTIRE TOUR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTY.

B. AUTOMOBILES - DIPS MAY IMPORT OR PURCHASE AUTOS LOCALLY
WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTY. MAY HAVE TWO AT ONE TIME. NON-
DIPS MAY BRING IN ONE AUTO OR PURCHASE A NEW ONE LOCALLY
FROM A NEW CAR OUTLET WITHIN NINETY DAYS WITHOUT DUTY.
THEREAFTER DUTY WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID. IN NON-DIP BUYS
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A USED CAR LOCALLY (ON WHICH DUTY PAID PREVIOUSLY), MUST
PAY PURCHASE TAX WHICH RANGES FROM APPROX \$50.00 TO \$100.
VERY FEW SUCH PURCHASES MADE BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

C. AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND LICENSES - NO CHARGES FOR
DIPS. NON-DIPS PAY APPROX \$12.00 FOR ONE-TIME REGISTRATION.
IN ADDITION, NON-DIPS PAY ACCORDING TO WEIGHT OF AUTO FROM

APPROX \$30 TO \$50 PER YEAR FOR LICENSE.

D. DIRVERS LICENSE - NO CHARGE FOR DIPS. NON-DIPS PAY
APPROX \$12.00 FOR FIRST LICENSE AND APPROX \$5.00 FOR REVEWAL
EACH YEAR.

E. GASOLINE AND MOTOR OIL - DIPS MAKE PURCHASES AT LOCAL
STATIONS AND SUBMIT FORMS THRU FONMIN EVERY THREE MONTHS
FOR DUTY REBATE. THIS PRIVILEGE NOT AVAILABLE TO NON-DIPS.
HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS SET UP SYSTEM SO THAT NON-DIPS CAN
PURCHASE GASOLINE AND OIL AT EMBASSY MOTOR POOL AND RECEIVE
SAME REBATE AS DIPS.

F. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CIGARETTES, ETC. - DIPS CAN BUY
REASONABLE QUANTITIES (FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES ALMOST
UNLIMITED) OF BOTH ITEMS WITHOUT DUTY FROM A QUASI-GOVERN-
MENT OUTLET. FOR NON-DIPS EMBASSY HAS A SMALL OUTLET WITH
IS STOCKED FROM ORDERS PLACED IN NAMES OF DIPS. SLIGHT
MARK-UP PROVIDES FOR DEPENDENT EMPLOYEE'S WAGES AND BREAKAGE.

G. VARIOUS LICENSES - DIPS MAY OBTAIN ALL GRATIS. NON-
DIPS PAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. HOME AND CAR RADIOS - APPROX \$2.50 ONE TIME FOR EACH.

2. TV - APPROX \$7.50 ONE TIME FOR EACH.
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3. DOG LICENSE - APPROX \$3.50 EACH YEAR.

4. BICYCLES - APPROX \$2.50 EACH YEAR.

5. FISHING - APPROX \$5.00 EACH YEAR.

6. HUNTING - NOW BANNED IN KENYA

2. UPON RECEIPT STATE 086660, DTATED APRIL 18, LOCAL
OFFICIAL AFSA REPRESENTATIVE AGREED PREPARE LIST OF
PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS NOT GRANTED TO NON-DIPS HERE AND
THOSE APPARENTLY PROVIDED TO NON-DIPS IN WASHINGTON AREA.
HE LEFT ON HL BEFORE COMPLETION OF TASK AND DI NOT TURN
TASK OVER TO ANYONE ELSE. HE WILL RETURN TO POST O/A
AUGUST 19. EXPECT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS THEREAFTER.

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